

species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is currently submitted that claims 1 and 9 are generic. The species provided include:

- X The embodiment as shown in Figure 1 (which includes claims 4 and 5)
- Y The embodiment as shown in Figure 2 (which includes claims 6 to 8).

Applicants respectfully submit that the species provided appear to be related to the apparatus claims and not the method claims elected herein by applicant. As a result, the Applicants respectfully submit that a species election is not required if group II is elected. Applicants respectfully elect species Y, however, if the Examiner requires such an election.

FEES

Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

CONCLUSION

Prompt consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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